## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification at page 1, after the title and before line 3, please insert the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application (under 35 U.S.C. 371) of PCT/EP2004/003628 filed April 6, 2004 which claims benefit to German application 103 16 267.4 filed April 8, 2003. --

In the specification at page 25, please replace lines 19-20 with the following amended lines:

Forward: 5'-GGTACCATGTTGGTGCTGTTTGGCAA (SEQ ID NO: 3)

Reverse: 5'-CTCGAGTTATGACTTTTTGTCCCCG (SEQ ID NO: 4)

In the specification at page 26, please replace lines 18-19 with the following amended lines:

Forward: 5'-GCGGCCGCATGTTGGTGCTGTTTGGCAA (SEQ ID NO: 5)

Reverse: 5'-GCGGCCGCATGACTTTTTGTCCCCG (SEQ ID NO: 6)

In the specification at page 27, line 10, please replace the paragraph which starts with "pSUN300 is a derivative" with the following amended paragraph:

pSUN300 is a derivative of the plasmid pPZP (Hajdukiewicz,P, Svab, Z, Maliga, P., (1994) The small versatile pPZP family of Agrobacterium binary vectors forplant transformation. Plant Mol Biol 25:989-994). pSUN-USP was produced from pSUN300 by inserting a USP promoter as EcoRI fragment into pSUN300. The polyadenylation signal is that of the octopine synthase gene from the A. tumefaciens Ti plasmid (ocs terminator, Genbank Accession V00088) (De Greve, H., Dhaese,P., Seurinck,J., Lemmers,M., Van Montagu,M. and Schell,J. Nucleotide sequence and transcript map of the Agrobacterium tumefaciens Ti plasmid-encoded octopine

synthase gene J. Mol. Appl. Genet. 1 (6), 499-511 (1982) The USP promoter corresponds to nucleotides 1 684 (Genbank Accession X56240), with part of the non-coding region of the USP gene being present in the promoter. The promoter fragment which is 684 base pairs in size was amplified by a PCR reaction using commercially available T7 standard primers (Stratagene) and with the aid of a synthesized primer by standard methods (primer sequence: 5'–GTCGACCCGCGGACTAGTGGGCCCTCTAGACCCGGGGGATCC GGATCTGCTGGCTATGAA–3', SEQ ID NO: 7). The PCR fragment was then cut with EcoRI/SalI and inserted into the vector pSUN300 with OCS terminator. The result was the plasmid called pSUN-USP. The construct was used to transform Arabidopsis thaliana, oilseed rape, tobacco and linseed.